

1 In the Claims:

2 Please cancel claims 2-3 and 9-10 without prejudice, and please amend claims 1,
3 15-16, 18, and 20, and please add new claims 21-24, as indicated in the following claims
4 list:

5 Claim 1 (currently amended). An imaging apparatus for producing an image on a sheet
6 of media, comprising:

7 a print path;

8 a fusing device operatively positioned on the print path and having a hot roller
9 and ~~at least~~more than one pressure roller; and,

10 a fusing circuit operatively connected with the print path, whereby the sheet of
11 media is selectively moved along the fusing circuit and re-exposed to the hot roller.

12 Claims 2-3 (canceled).

13 Claim 4 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, and wherein the fusing circuit is
14 substantially in the form of a single parallel siding.

15 Claim 5 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, and wherein the fusing circuit is
16 substantially in the form of a double parallel siding.

17 Claim 6 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, and further comprising:

18 a deposition device which is operatively positioned on the print path and
19 upstream of the fusing device, whereby an image is selectively deposited on the sheet of
20 media while the sheet of media moves along the print path and through the deposition
21 device; and,

22 a duplex circuit operatively incorporated into the fusing circuit and configured to
23 turn the sheet of media over and move the sheet of media upstream of the deposition
24 device.

25 Claim 7 (original). The apparatus of claim 6, and wherein the fusing circuit branches off
of the duplex circuit.

1 Claim 8 (original). The apparatus of claim 1, and further comprising a shunting device
2 operatively positioned on the print path, whereby a predetermined sheet of media is
3 selectively diverted from the print path and onto the fusing circuit as the result of
4 selective operation of the shunting device.

5 Claims 9-10 (canceled).

6 Claim 11 (original). An imaging apparatus, comprising a fusing device having a single
7 hot roller and a plurality of hot rollers.

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9 Claim 12 (original). The apparatus of claim 11, comprising two pressure rollers.

10 Claim 13 (original). The apparatus of claim 11, comprising three pressure rollers.

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12 Claim 14 (original). The apparatus of claim 11, and further comprising:
13 a print path configured to convey there along sheets of media;
14 a fusing circuit operatively connected with the print path; and,
15 a shunting device operatively located along the print path and configured to
16 selectively divert a given sheet of media from the print path onto the fusing circuit,
17 wherein:

18 when the shunting device diverts the given sheet of media onto the fusing
19 circuit, the given sheet of media successively passes between the hot roller and
20 each of the pressure rollers; and,

21 when the shunting device does not divert the given sheet of media onto
22 the fusing circuit, the given sheet passes between the hot roller and only one of
23 the pressure rollers.

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1 Claim 15 (currently amended). A method of increasing the gloss of an image formed on
2 a sheet of media, comprising:

3 providing a fusing device having a single hot roller and a plurality of pressure
4 rollers;

5 providing a deposition device, whereby an image is selectively formed on the
6 sheet of media during passage thereof through the deposition device; and,

7 repeatedly exposing the image to the fusing device while passing the sheet of
8 media through the deposition device only once.

9 Claim 16 (currently amended). The method of claim 15, and ~~wherein the fusing device~~
10 ~~has a hot roller, the method~~ further comprising:

11 exposing the image to the hot roller a first time; and,

12 exposing the image to the hot roller a second time.

13 Claim 17. (original). The method of claim 16, and further comprising exposing the
14 image to the hot roller a third time.

15 Claim 18. (currently amended). The method of claim 15, wherein the deposition device
16 is located upstream of the fusing device, the method further ~~comprising~~comprising:

17 ~~removing the image from the print path downstream of the of the fusing device;~~
18 ~~and,~~

19 merging the image back onto the print path downstream~~upstream~~ of the fusing
20 device and downstream of the deposition device.

21 Claim 19. (original). The method of claim 15, and wherein the fusing device is
22 configured to operate at a normal processing speed during exposure of the image
23 thereto.

24 Claim 20. (currently amended). The method of claim 15, and wherein repeatedly
25 exposing the image to the fusing device comprises ~~further comprising~~:

~~providing a fusing device having a single hot roller and a plurality of pressure~~
~~rollers; and,~~

successively passing the image between the hot roller and each of the pressure
rollers.

1 Claim 21 (new). The method of claim 15, and further comprising:

2 removing the image from the print path downstream of the fusing device, wherein
3 the image is repeatedly exposed to the fusing device in response to removing the image
4 from the print path; and,

5 merging the image back onto the print path downstream of the fusing device in
6 response to repeatedly exposing the image to the fusing device.

7 Claim 22 (new). The method of claim 15, and wherein repeatedly exposing the image to
8 the fusing device comprises repeatedly exposing the image to the hot roller.

9 Claim 23 (new). The apparatus of claim 1, and wherein the fusing circuit is connected
10 with the print path only downstream of the fusing device.

11 Claim 24 (new). The apparatus of claim 14, and wherein the fusing circuit is connected
12 with the print path only downstream of the fusing device.

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